

MONTHLY NOTES

be seen that we may well be enthusiastic for St. Alban's, and may thank God and take courage, feeling assured that the untiring perseverance and unflinching courage that has, in the face of great obstacles, accomplished so much, will, under the guidance and blessing of our Heavenly Father, be also able to attack and eventually overcome the heavy debt that now oppresses us and, will not rest until it is removed; and there is erected and paid for, a noble structure, complete in every detail, consecrated to the service of the Lord of the whole earth, that we may all look upon with affection, and point out to visitors with just pride as St. Alban's Cathedral.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The month of January was one of more than usual activity to St. Alban's congregation in a social way there being no less than four large gatherings in the Crypt, each of which was highly enjoyed and was successfully carried through. First was the Annual Christmas treats for the Sunday-School. Owing to increasing numbers this festival was held on two days. The Infant Class to the number of ninety, were served to tea at six o'clock on the fourth of January; then followed an hour's play, while the friends and workers were having their turn at the refreshment table; then at half past seven the programme began, and recitations and song and *curtsey* and laughter followed each other in quick succession. Then came the lighting of the Tree, and soon each child was the happy possessor of a beautiful toy and a bag of candy, received from a veritable Santa Claus himself. Before nine o'clock all were safely at home and the Infant School *to a man* voted this the best treat they had ever had at St. Alban's.

The fifth was the date for the Senior School's Entertainment and prize-giving. Tea was served again to about one hundred and twenty-five scholars (and to thirty friends, teachers and workers as well), and at 7:30 the gathering was called to order, and the first number on the programme, which was very much appreciated, a "vocal and instrumental chorus," rendered by eight of the senior girls, was presented.

His Lordship addressed the School congratulating all on the progress being made, and presenting the successful scholars in each class with their prizes. A statement was read showing what had been done with the offerings of the Chancel, which showed the largest items of expenditure to have been sixty dollars paid for ceiling the Crypt, and five dollars for calsumining the walls. During the evening lantern views were shown of various churches and church institutions in connection with the Church's Missionary work in our own country, as well as some Biblical and old world fame. A very large number attended for the latter part of the evening's programme—i. e. after tea, and all, both young and old, seemed well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Then on Monday, the 16th, the Crypt was again filled with a large audience, composed mainly of St.

Alban's and St. Cyprian's people to hear and see the Rev. J. G. Waller, who 8 years ago ministered to the then undivided congregation prior to his departure for Japan. The Lord Bishop in a few welcoming words introduced the lecturer; the lights were lowered and the beautiful views of Japanese scenes were thrown on the screen and for two hours the lecturer held the attention of the large audience while he told of his work among that enterprising and progressive people just 15 days journey from Toronto.

A couple of fine views were shown of the new church, at Nagano, in the Province of Shinano, built by Mr. Waller with the money collected by graduates of Trinity College, Toronto, and to which the St. Alban's congregation contributed 75 dollars last year. Many of Mr. Waller's old friends had the pleasure of a handshake and a few minutes conversation after the lecture was over. The sum of \$9.60 was contributed by the audience for the assistance of the work of that Church work under Mr. Waller's charge.

On the evening of the 30th January His Lordship gave his annual treat to the boys of the choir. Both present and ex-choir boys were invited and a large and merry party sat down and enjoyed the coffee and cakes, the Charlotte Russes and ice-cream, as only boys can. Refreshments over, an hour was spent in games and using the gymnastic apparatus, and then the Bishop called the boys to order and introduced to them Prof. Clarke. "Not Dr. Clarke, Professor of Mental Philosophy of Trinity College," said His Lordship, "but this Professor Clarke is Professor of the Art of Entertaining." Then followed a *very* jolly hour; a Fanch and Judy show, and tricks and magic feats, kept the boys on the qui vive all the time, and the heartiness with which the three cheers were given for His Lordship was a true indication of the manner in which the boys had enjoyed his kind treat for them.

In common with the whole community, we mourn the loss which the Church has sustained in the death of His Lordship, Bishop Sullivan. By virtue of his being Rector of St. James, he was therefore Sub-Dean of St. Alban's. We remember 'tis but a few short years ago that he, then being Lord Bishop of Algoma, ordained several candidates to the Priesthood in St. Alban's, at the same time that our own Diocesan held a general ordination. He was then very weak, just having returned from Mentone. No doubt the arduous labors of his large Missionary Diocese and the *worry* of mind occasioned by the circumstances that then existed there, undermined his constitution and sowed the seeds of disease that caused his death.

We are pleased to learn that Canon Macnab, who has been engaged in work in England for the last two years, is shortly to return to Toronto, having been appointed Rector of St. Martin's. The Canon accompanied by Mrs. Macnab is expected to arrive here about the middle of February.